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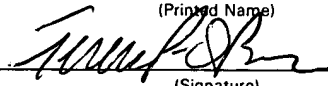
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Applicant: Shen et al.

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FOR A SPORTS RACQUET

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits.

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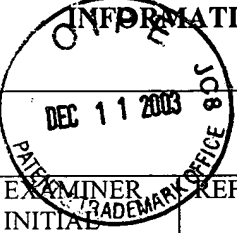
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